THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) German mining technologies for which offers have been received and agreements sigued in the recent past are as under :

(i) In-pit-crusher conveyor technology at Ramagundam Opencast Project of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.

(ii) Introduction of appropriate technology for caving with powered supports at Chinakuri Underground mine of Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(iii) Introduction of technology for dry beneficiation of Coal at Bina Deshaling Plant of Northern Coalfields Ltd.

LOADERS UNDER FCI CARRYING LOADS OVER THE PRESCRIBED ILO STANDARD

*431. SHRI RAMANARAYAN GOSWAMI : DR. R. K. PODDAR :

Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several labour committees took up the matter with Food Corporation of India to compel its loaders to carry loads over and above the standard prescribed by ILO;

(to) if so, what are the details thereof; and ^.j^

(c) what is the response or *uie* FCI management in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation adopted Convention No. 127 concerning 'Maximum Weight' in June, 1967. The Convention has not been ratified by India. The Convention lays down the general principles for regulation of manual transport of loads in all branches of economic activity for which a system of iak>ur inspection is maintained. The Supplementary Recommendation No. 128

provides that where the maximum permissible weight that may be iransported manually by one adult male worker is more than *55* kgs. measures should be taken as speedily as possible to reduce it to that level.

The Natonal Tripartite Committee on Conventons has been reviewing the Conven.ion from time to time iO explore the possibility o£ ratifying it. The consensus at the meeting of the Committee was to fix 50 kg as the maximum permissible weight to be carried by one worker. To begin with it was proposed :o make a beginning by introducing 50 kg. packing in FCI in a phased manner.

(c) The FCI is engaged in working out the technical and economic implications of the switch-over.

SURVEY ON SC/ST LABOURERS IN URBAN AREAS

*432. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Labour Bureau has conducted any survey on the living and working conditions of labour belonging to SC/ST Communities in urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of such surveys conducted during the last three years till date and the number of reports released; and

(c) what are the names of the urban areas which were covered by the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last three years, surveys on the socio-economic conditions of the Scheduled Tribes labour were conducted at two urban centres viz. Bailadila and Nagpur. During this period ihree reports pertaining to Surat, Ranchi and Bailadila centres in respect of ST labour were released by the Labour Bureau.